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C.B. ^{IN "THE FALL AND RISE OF DANNY DENVER"}

HOW DOES ONE GET EXPERIENCE? EMPLOYERS MANY TIMES SAY, "BORRY YOU CAN'T HAVE THE JOB-YOU HAVE NO EXPERIENCE!" BUT HOW'S A BEGINNER GOING TO GET HIS EXPERIENCE WITHOUT FIRST GETTING A JOB? THAT'S A PROBLEM FACING EVERY AMBITIOUS YOUNGSTER IN A NEW FIELD! MANY TIMES THEY ARE SO BENT ON OBTAINING THAT FIRST JOB IN ORDER TO GET EXPERIENCE THAT THEY WILL SOMEHOW WORK FOR NEXT TO NOTHING AND NO GLORY! MAYBE THAT'S THE ANSWER! BUT NOW AND THEN, OUT OF THE THOUSANDS OF BEGINNERS, THERE APPEARS A GENIUS WITH TREMENDOUS ABILITY WHO WAS BORN WITH A GREAT ARTITUDE! THAT'S SWELL WHEN IT HAPPENS, BUT ITS NOT EASY FOR HIM TO BREAK THROUGH A SKEPTICAL EMPLOYER'S HARD SHELL! HE, ALONG WITH THE NOT-SO-ABLE, MUST BEG FOR THAT FIRST OPPORTUNITY! AND IF HE GETS IT, THERE MAY BE SOME VERY UNHAPPY DAYS OF ADJUSTMENT BEFORE RECOGNITION!

Charles Biro



CIGARETTES! YOU KNOW THAT SMOKING IS FORBIDDEN. WE AREN'T MAKING THEM FOR OURSELVES, MR. CLEARLY! WE'RE MAKING THEM FOR DANNY DENVER! HE PAYS US FIFTY CENTS AN HOUR FOR MAKING THEM! HE'S IN THE CIGARETTE BUSINESS, SEE!



I MIGHT KNOW DANNY DENVER WOULD BE BEHIND A SCHEME LIKE THIS! HAND OVER THE STUFF YOU'RE WORKING WITH AND THEN GET OUT OF HERE! AND YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE END OF THIS! I'M REPORTING YOU TO PRINCIPAL STARK!



THERE'S NO RULE AGAINST MAKING CIGARETTES IN HIGH SCHOOL AFTER HOURS!

DANNY'S GONNA BE SORE ABOUT THIS!

OUR TEMPORARY PRINCIPAL, MR. STARK, WILL ATTEND TO HIM!



DANNY HAD THESE BOYS WORKING FOR HIM! I TELL YOU THAT BOY IS A PROBLEM! HE'S INTELLIGENT, BUT HE MISDIRECTS HIS ENERGIES! THIS IS JUST AN EXAMPLE OF THE THINGS HE DOES! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'VE ONLY BEEN HERE A WEEK, GIRL!



HHMM... 'STARKIE BOY'... IMAGINE HIM NAMING THE CIGARETTES AFTER ME! NOT A BAD JOB OF PACKAGE DESIGNING, EITHER! I'LL SEND THE BOY IN TO SEE ME! HE'S DUE FOR SOME DISCIPLINE!



I'M DANNY DENVER! MR. CLEARLY TOLD ME TO REPORT TO YOU, MR. STARK!



AND I IMAGINE YOU KNOW WHY! START BY EXPLAINING THIS TO ME!



ALL I WAS TRYING TO DO WAS EARN SOME MONEY! I FIGURED I COULD MAKE SOME PROFIT IN THE CIGARETTE BUSINESS! THE GUYS WERE GLAD TO WORK FOR ME AT FIFTY CENTS AN HOUR!



THAT'S ENOUGH! YOU KNOW YOU'VE NO RIGHT TO USE THE SCHOOL PROPERTY FOR ANY SUCH PURPOSE! LUCKY I CAUGHT YOU WHEN I DID, OR YOU'D BE IN MORE TROUBLE! YOU PROBABLY NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THE STATE AND FEDERAL TAX STAMPS!



GOSH, I DON'T FIGURE ON THAT AT ALL!

I THOUGHT NOT! I'M SURE YOU WOULDN'T WANT YOUR MOTHER TO TAKE YOU OUT OF THIS PRIVATE SCHOOL! FROM NOW ON YOU CONCENTRATE ON YOUR STUDIES! BY THE WAY WHO DESIGNED THE PACKAGE? IT'S A VERY GOOD JOB!



I DID THE LETTERING AND ALL! I THINK IT'S PRETTY SHARP MYSELF!











HELLO MR. STARK! LOOKS LIKE I'M IN TROUBLE AGAIN! MY HISTORY TEACHER TOLD ME TO REPORT TO YOU!

NOW WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?



AM YOU KNOW THAT PICTURE OF SHAKESPEARE DOWN IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY? WELL, I JUST COULDN'T RESIST DRAWING A RED BEARD ON IT... I DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM, AND IT WILL WASH OFF, BUT...

YOU'RE INCORRIGIBLE! I'M NOT GOING TO PUT UP WITH THIS SORT OF THING ANY LONGER - I'M GOING TO EXPEL YOU FROM SCHOOL!

BUT YOU PROMISED IF I DID THOSE ILLUSTRATIONS FOR YOUR BOOK YOU'D LET ME GRADUATE!



MR. STARK, YOUR PUBLISHER, MR. HARRISON, IS HERE TO SEE YOU!

HE IS? DANNY, YOU RUN ALONG NOW, WE'LL REVIEW THIS MATTER LATER! RIGHT NOW I HAVE MORE IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO DISCUSS!



BUT MR. STARK, YOU SAID...

YES, YES, I KNOW... I'LL TALK IT OVER WITH YOU LATER! GO BACK TO CLASS NOW! COME IN, MR. HARRISON - SO NICE TO SEE YOU!



STARK, THE SUCCESS OF YOUR NEW BOOK IS PHENOMENAL! WE'VE BEEN GETTING RE-ORDERS FROM STORES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY! AND DO YOU KNOW ONE OF THE CHIEF REASONS FOR ITS SUCCESS? THE ILLUSTRATIONS!

OH, I'M SURE THE ILLUSTRATIONS HELPED, BUT THE MEAT OF THE BOOK IS IN THE TEXT!



NATURALLY! BUT THE PUBLIC LIKES ITS COVER TOO! AND THOSE ILLUSTRATIONS CERTAINLY PUT ACROSS YOUR IDEAS WITH A PUNCH! I'M CERTAINLY ANYBODY TO MEET THE ARTIST WHO DID THEM!

OH, THE ARTIST, WHY I WISH YOU COULD BUT RIGHT AT THE MOMENT HE'S OUT OF TOWN!



THAT IS TOO BAD! I WAS HOPING WE COULD ALL GET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS A CONTRACT FOR THREE MORE BOOKS! WE CAN OFFER THE ARTIST A VERY NICE SHARE OF THE PROFITS IF HE'LL CONSIDER IT!

WHY, I'D LOVE TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH! THE ARTIST IS A VERY PECULIAR CHAP! HE'D PREFER TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS AND WOULD MUCH RATHER WORK THROUGH ME!



ODD OF HIM TO DUCK PUBLICITY - ESPECIALLY WHEN IT WOULD REALLY PUT HIM IN THE LIMELIGHT! HOWEVER, IF THAT'S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN GET HIS SERVICES, WE'LL MAKE OUR CONTRACT WITH YOU, AND YOU CAN PAY HIM.

FINE! WHY NOT BRING THE CONTRACT OVER TO MY HOUSE TODAY WHEN YOU COME TO THE PARTY I'M HAVING TO CELEBRATE THE NEW BOOK?















MOM! OH MOM! WAIT TILL YOU HEAR THE GOOD NEWS! GOLLY! I'M A REAL ARTIST! I'M GOING TO MAKE SO MUCH MONEY YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO WORK AGAIN!



...AND THE MAYOR-MAYOR DOODITTLE-EVEN WANTS ME TO DO HIS PORTRAIT! NOW WHAT DO YOU SAY?

OH, DANNY, YOU ALWAYS WERE ONE TO TELL TALL STORIES! I CAN'T BELIEVE SUCH A WILD YARN AS THAT! YOU GO ON UP TO BED AND TO-MORROW YOU TELL ME THE REAL STORY, YOU CRAZY BOY!



DANNY! DANNY, WAKE UP! MAYOR DOODITTLE HIMSELF IS IN YOUR STUDIO FOR YOU TO PAINT HIM! AND HE TOLD ME ALL THOSE THINGS YOU SAID LAST NIGHT WERE TRUE! OH, DANNY, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!



IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOT YOU! HAPPIER! DANNY! I WANTED TO BE SURE YOU'D DO MY PORTRAIT BEFORE YOU GOT SO BUSY ON YOUR NEW BOOK CONTRACTS THAT YOU WOULD NOT HAVE TIME!

I'D HAVE MADE TIME FOR YOU, SIR! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOU AND C.B., I'D STILL BE WORKING FOR STARK AND THINKING I WAS LUCKY!



THERE IT IS! HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

IT'S SPLENDID! IT CATCHES THE SPIRIT OF YOU PERFECTLY, MAYOR DOODITTLE!

DANNY, IT COULDN'T BE BETTER!



DANNY, AS A TOKEN OF MY APPRECIATION, I WILL NOW ACCEPT THIS HONORARY DIPLOMA AND THIS FOUR-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP TO THE AMBASSADOR SCHOOL OF ART!

I-I-THANK YOU, SIR! ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT YOU'VE BEEN WONDERFUL TO ME!



NO MORE SILLY SCHOOLBOY FRANKS, DANNY! FROM NOW ON, YOU HAVE TO BEHAVE! IF YOU DO, I'M SURE YOU HAVE A GREAT CAREER AHEAD OF YOU!

I'LL BE TOO BUSY FROM NOW ON TO WANT TO PULL ANY CRAZY JOKE, SIR! AND BESIDES, I WANT YOU TO BE PROUD OF ME!



THIS IS FOR YOU, C.B.! IT'S JUST A LITTLE THANK-YOU PRESENT FOR WHAT YOU DID FOR ME THAT DAY OF THE RECEPTION! I'D NEVER HAVE GONE BACK IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOU!



DANNY! THANKS A MILLION! THIS IS SUPER!

SQUEEK! SQUEEK!

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EVERY CROOK WOULD CHANGE HIS MIND ABOUT COMMITTING A CRIME IF IN SOME MAGIC WAY, HE COULD LOOK AHEAD A FEW YEARS INTO THE FUTURE! HE WOULD THEN SEE HIMSELF WHERE AND AS HE WILL BE! THEN HE WOULD KNOW THAT THIS ARROGANT STEP INTO CRIME IS IN REALITY A STEP INTO MISERY! A MISERY WORSE THAN ANYTHING HE COULD POSSIBLY DESIRE TO ESCAPE FROM. WITH HIS EVIL ACT! THIS STORY IS ABOUT LARRY YANKS, WHO LOOKED INTO THE FUTURE ONLY AFTER HE HAD TAKEN THE FATAL STEP! HE TRIED TO TURN BACK WHEN HE SAW WHAT WAS AHEAD OF HIM. BUT HE STUMBLED!

Charles Biro



SURE, BOYS!





ONE SUNDAY DAVE WAS WALKING TO CHURCH WITH HIS FOLKS WHEN BOB BARNES' FAMILY CAME DRIVING ALONG IN THEIR BRAND NEW VICTORIA...

THAT'S BARNES' NEW AUTOMOBILE I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT, AMY! WHY, LOOK! THEY'RE STOPPING!



HELLO, THERE, HARRIS! HOW'D YOU LIKE MY NEW AUTOMOBILE? PRETTY NIFTY, EH? LET ME GIVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A LIFT TO CHURCH! PLENTY OF ROOM!

WHY, THANKS! THAT WOULD BE A GREAT PLEASURE!



WARRON ME, FOLKS, BUT WOULDN'T YOU LIKE US TO TAKE A PICTURE OF YOU IN THAT FINE NEW CARRIAGE?

FINE! A GOOD IDEA!



HOLD IT!



JUST A FEW MINUTES AND IT WILL BE READY...

WE CAN'T WAIT! WE'LL BE LATE FOR CHURCH! DELIVER THE PICTURE TO MY HOUSE LATER! IT'S THE BIG, WHITE ONE AT THE TOP OF THE HILL! THE BIGGEST IN TOWN!



YES, SIR! NOTHING LIKE GETTING THE BEST, I ALWAYS SAY! TOO BAD YOU CAN'T OWN ONE OF THESE, HARRIS!

I WISH I COULD, BUT I'M HAVING ENOUGH TROUBLE JUST MAKING 'ENDS MEET!



AREN'T WE LUCKY TO BE ABLE TO AT LEAST HAVE A RIDE IN THIS NICE NEW RIG, DAVE?

NEARLY! I'D LOVE SO!

STILL HAVING TROUBLE BLEEDING EH, HARRIS? THAT'S TOO BAD!



BY THE WAY, HARRIS, CATHERINE HAS BEEN DOING SOME SPRING HOUSECLEANING AND SHE HAS A BUNCH OF THINGS SHE'S DISCARDED... ALL IN GOOD CONDITION, MIND YOU! MAYBE YOUR FAMILY COULD USE THEM!

I'M SURE WE COULD!



GOOD! THEN AFTER CHURCH, WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER AND PICK THEM UP? NO POINT IN THROWING THE STUFF AWAY IF YOU CAN USE IT!

THANKS, MR. BARNES! I'LL BE GLAD TO STOP BY! MY PAY, CHECK, JUST ABOUT COVERS OUR FOOD BILL THESE DAYS!



DAVEY, THAT MUST BE YOUR FATHER! GUESS HE'S GOT HIS ARMS FULL OF STUFF HE PICKED UP AT MR. BARNES! GO OPEN THE DOOR AND LET HIM IN!



THANKS, DAVEY! LOOK AT ALL THE GRAND STUFF I'VE GOT—AND LOOK AT THIS, DAVEY! A COASTER WAGON FOR YOU! ALL IT NEEDS IS A LITTLE FIXING UP...



I DON'T WANT THE DORSEY OL' WAGON! I WANT A NEW ONE! I HATE HAND-ME-DOWNS! I WANT MY OWN THINGS!

NOW, DAVEY! WHAT WAY IS THAT TO ACT! THAT'S NOTHING BUT FOOLISH PRIDE!



FOOLISH PRIDE OR NOT, DAVE MADE UP HIS MIND THAT WHEN HE GROW UP HE WAS GOING TO HAVE MONEY SO HE'D NEVER HAVE TO ACCEPT CHARITY! ALL THROUGH SCHOOL HE WORKED AND SAVED HIS MONEY!



BY THE TIME DAVE WAS TWENTY-TWO, HE'D SAVED A FINE AMOUNT OF MONEY! HIS PARENTS DIED AND HE ADDED THE MONEY FROM THE SALE OF THE HOUSE TO HIS SAVINGS! SECRETLY HE STILL THOUGHT OF BOBBIE'S SON, BOB, AS A SORT OF RIVAL, ALTHOUGH BOB WAS UNAWARE OF IT!



HELLO, BOB! I WAS SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR FATHER'S DEATH! DOES IT MAKE ANY CHANGE IN YOUR FUTURE PLANS?



NOT ESPECIALLY, DAVE! I'D PLANNED TO GO TO WORK AT THE BANK, ANYHOW! IT JUST MEANS I'LL START A FEW MONTHS SOONER! IT WAS DAD'S DREAM FOR ME TO WORK THERE AS HE HAD DONE!



WHAT'S THIS I HEAR ABOUT YOU BUYING THE OLD GRAVER FARM? THAT'S A BIG PIECE OF PROPERTY—NEARLY 350 ACRES! DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING IN FOR FARMING!

FARMING! I SHOULD SAY NOT! DO YOU THINK I'D PUT EVERY CENT I OWN INTO ANYTHING AS SLOW AS FARMING?



THEN WHAT DID YOU BUY IT FOR? IT'S BEAUTIFUL LAND, BUT TOO FAR FROM TOWN FOR REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT!

THAT'S TRUE—BUT IT'S JUST THE RIGHT DISTANCE FROM TOWN FOR A GOLF COURSE!



A GOLF COURSE! WHO THE HECK DO YOU EXPECT TO FIND AROUND THESE PARTS TO PLAY GOLF? I KNOW IT'S A POPULAR GAME IN SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND BUT...

IT'S GOING TO BE A POPULAR GAME RIGHT HERE IN AMERICA! YOU MARK MY WORDS!



OF COURSE, IT WILL TAKE A LOT OF HARD WORK TO GET THE COURSE IN CONDITION! IT WILL PROBABLY TAKE TWO YEARS, BUT IT'LL BE WORTH IT! I'LL BET YOU'LL EVEN BE A MEMBER OF MY GOLF CLUB SOMEDAY!

IT SOUNDS LIKE A FANTASTIC DREAM TO ME! I HOPE YOU'VE INVESTED YOUR MONEY WISELY!





DAVE DID EVERYTHING HE KNEW HOW TO TRY AND RAISE THE MONEY! IN DESPERATION HE SOLD ALL HIS SECURITIES AND INVESTED THEM IN THE CLUB, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE! THE CLUB WAS PUT UP AT A TAX SALE!



IS THAT THE LAST BID? VERY WELL, THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE CRESCENT GOLF CLUB GOES TO THE GENTLEMAN IN THE BROWN SUIT!



BOB BOSCOE! HE BOUGHT MY PROPERTY!

NOW DO YOU BELIEVE WHAT I SAID ABOUT HIM? HE KNEW IF HE REFUSED THAT LOAN I'D LOSE THE CLUB! IT WAS ALL A BIG SCHEME TO TAKE IT FROM ME! I HATE HIM!



BOB'S NOT THAT SORT OF MAN! YOU'RE ALL WRONG TO BLAME HIM!

YOU HAVE BOB TO THANK FOR HAVING TO LIVE IN THIS DUMP! IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIM, WE'D STILL HAVE THE CLUB AND OUR HOME! INSTEAD, HERE WE ARE IN A TENEMENT!

DAVE! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU TO STOP BLAMING YOUR BAD LUCK ON BOB? HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT HAPPENED!



HAVEN'T YOU SOME SORT OF JOB FOR ME? I'VE BEEN OUT OF WORK FOR NEARLY A YEAR! HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY WIFE AND CHILD WITH-OUT MONEY?

I'M SORRY! IF I COULD GIVE YOU A JOB I WOULD! I HEAR THE SAME STORY AT LEAST TWENTY TIMES A DAY! THERE JUST AREN'T ANY JOBS!



I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS! THERE'S NOT A THING IN THE HOUSE TO EAT! HOW CAN I GO HOME AND FACE MARY? WHAT CAN I TELL HER?



DAVE! YOU'RE JUST THE MAN! I WANTED TO SEE! SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT YOU WEREN'T WORKING RIGHT NOW AND I WONDERED IF YOU'D CONSIDER WORKING FOR ME?



I'VE REMODELLED THE GOLF CLUB-HOUSE INTO A HOME FOR MYSELF AND I'M LIVING THERE NOW! BUT I NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE CARE OF THE GROUNDS! YOU DID SUCH A FINE JOB THERE WHEN YOU OWNED THE CLUB THAT I WONDERED IF YOU'D TAKE THE JOB AS CARETAKER!



IF I WEREN'T SO HARD UP I'D REFUSE! I HATE TO ACCEPT CHARITY! THAT'S PROBABLY WHY YOU'RE OFFERING ME THE JOB!

CHARITY - NOTHING! I NEED A CARE-TAKER AND I KNOW YOU'D DO A GOOD JOB! ITS A HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS A MONTH AND YOU CAN USE THE CARETAKER'S SHACK AS A WORKSHOP!





THOSE WERE THE DAYS! I WISH I WERE YOUNG LIKE THAT AGAIN! NO WORRIES, NO RESPONSIBILITIES—IN GOOD HEALTH—INSTEAD OF A BLUM TICKER...

OH, COME NOW, YOU'RE STILL IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE!



NOT TO HEAR OLD DOC MARTIN TALK! HE SAYS IF I DON'T TAKE THINGS EASY, THIS OLD HEART OF MINE WILL BREAK DOWN FOR GOOD! CHEERFUL GUY HE IS! HE SAYS MY NEXT ATTACK WILL BE MY LAST!



IF THAT'S TRUE, SHOULDN'T YOU CUT OUT THE DRINKING AND CIGARS?

IF I FOLLOWED THAT, OLD KILLJOY'S ADVICE—YES! BUT I HAVE TO HAVE SOME FUN OUT OF LIFE! I'LL BE DARNED IF I'LL GIVE UP EITHER!



...AND SO THE MILKMAN SAID "DON'T YOU BELIEVE A WORD THIS HORSE HAS TOLD YOU! HE NEVER WON A RACE IN HIS LIFE!"

HA-HA-HA!
HO-HO-HO-HO!
THAT'S A GOOD ONE! HA HA!
HA!



HA-HA-HA!
OH-H-H-H-H...



BOB! BOB! SPEAK TO ME! SAY YOU'RE FOOLING—OH, GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT WILL I DO? HIS HEART ISN'T BEATING!



IT'S TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING FOR HIM! DOC MARTIN SAID ANOTHER HEART ATTACK WOULD BE HIS LAST! POOR ROSCOE! HE HAD EVERYTHING, AND I HAVE NOTHING, BUT HE HAD TO DIE FIRST!



LOOK AT THIS! THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF STOCKS AND BONDS, AND WHAT GOOD ARE THEY TO HIM NOW! IF THEY WERE MINE...



WHY NOT? HE CAN'T USE THEM—AND NO ONE AT THE BANK EVEN KNEW HE KEPT THESE AT THE HOUSE! NO ONE WILL MISS THEM! I'LL NEVER BE CAUGHT, BECAUSE NO ONE KNEW I HAD DINNER HERE!



LARRY! I'VE SOME
AWFULLY BAD NEWS! POOR
MR. BOSCOE IS IN THE HOSPITAL!
THEY DON'T EXPECT THE
POOR MAN TO LIVE!

WHAT?

THE MAID FOUND
HIM LYING ON THE
FLOOR IN HIS
LIVING ROOM WHEN
SHE CAME BACK
LAST NIGHT! HE
HAD A HEART
ATTACK! THE DOCTOR
SAID! POOR MAN!
THINK OF HIM ALL
ALONE WHEN IT
HAPPENED!

THAT'S—THAT'S
TERRIBLE! I—
I THINK I'LL
CALL THE
HOSPITAL TO
SEE HOW HE IS!
AFTER ALL, HE
WAS MY
FRIEND!

I THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD! WHAT
IF HE LIVES? WHAT IF HE EVER
TELLS ANYONE I WAS THERE?
HE'LL FIND OUT THE BONDS ARE
MISSING!

I'D LIKE TO INQUIRE
ABOUT MR. BOSCOE—
STILL UNCONSCIOUS?
THAT'S TOO BAD!
THANK YOU!

I THINK
I'LL CALL
THE
HOSPITAL
AGAIN!

THAT WILL BE THE
FOURTH TIME TODAY!
I NEVER THOUGHT
YOU WERE THAT CON-
CERNED ABOUT BOB
BOSCOE'S WELFARE! IN
FACT THERE HAVE BEEN
MANY TIMES WHEN I
THOUGHT YOU HATED
HIM AND WOULD
BE GLAD TO SEE
HIM DEAD!

WHAT? DIED? THAT'S
GOOD—I MEAN, THAT'S A
PITY! THE POOR FELLOW!
WHAT A SHAME!

POOR FELLOW!
HE DIED THIS
AFTERNOON AT
A QUARTER PAST
THREE! IT'S HARD
TO REALIZE THAT
HE'S DEAD!

YOU CERTAINLY HAVE
A STRANGE WAY
OF ACTING SORRY
ABOUT IT! YOU
ALMOST SEEMED
RELIEVED, THOUGH
GOODNESS KNOWS
WHY! THIS MAY
MEAN YOU'LL LOSE
YOUR JOB AS
CARETAKER!

LATER—THAT AFTERNOON AT THE
BOSCOE RESIDENCE...

WHY DID YOU SEND FOR ME?

I'M JOSEPH ADAMS,
MR. BOSCOE'S LAWYER!
I'M A LITTLE CONCERNED
ABOUT MR. BOSCOE'S
DEATH! I DISCOVERED
CERTAIN VALUABLE PAPERS
ARE MISSING FROM A
STRONG BOX HE
KEPT IN HIS HOME!

THAT'S
WHAT I'VE
AND I
HEARD!

THE CAUSE OF HIS DEATH
IS DEFINITELY A HEART
ATTACK, BUT NOW I WONDER
WHETHER THAT ATTACK MIGHT
NOT HAVE RESULTED FROM
THE SHOCK AND EXCITEMENT
OF BEING **BORROWED**! THE RIFLED
STRONG BOX WAS OPEN ON
THE TABLE NEAR WHERE
MR. BOSCOE WAS FOUND—
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
AND...

THERE ARE TWO
GLASSES HERE,
WHICH PROVES
SOMEONE WHO
KNEW BOSCOE
WAS WITH HIM
DURING THE
EVENING!

WHOEVER THAT
PERSON IS MUST
HAVE TAKEN THE
BONDS! OTHERWISE
HE WOULD HAVE
COME FORWARD
BY NOW TO
ADMIT HE'D
BEEN HERE!





and after Mr. Boscoe collapsed, I thought he was dead. I took the bonds in the strong box I must have been insane at the time! I should have known better...



AND I BEQUEATH
ALL THE BONDS AND
SECURITIES IN MY
STRONG BOX TO MY
OLD FRIEND LARRY
YANKS.
Robert Boscoe
WITNESSED BY

THE BONDS ARE MINE! I SELL MY OWN PROPERTY! THEN I CAN'T BE ARRESTED! GOOD OLD BOB! HE LEFT ALL THESE FOR ME! HE CHANGES EVERYTHING! I'LL WRITE ANOTHER LETTER EXPLAINING! THESE BONDS ARE ALL MINE! MINE! I CAN SPEND THEM AS I PLEASE! THE WILL IS PROOF!

HEYA GEL! SOMETHING NEW ON THE BOGGER CASE! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS LETTER WE JUST RECEIVED FROM THAT GUN MAN! IT'S THE MOST INCOHERENT THING I'VE EVER READ, BUT IF HIS CLAIM IS TRUE, HE HAS A LEGAL RIGHT TO THE BONDS!

THE FOLLOWING DAY



I was so excited when I heard the bonds were mine that I took them after Mr. Bogger had the worst attack and I thought he was dead! My next intention was to sell the bonds for my own use, but now I have a different plan, and am at present making a full calculation!

I have the will with me and my plan.

Larry

THE LETTER CERTAINLY IS GARBLED! IT LEAVES A LOT OF EXPLAINING FOR HIM TO DO! STILL WE CAN'T HOLD HIM ON A ROBBERY CHARGE, IF THE STORY ABOUT THE WILL IS TRUE!

CHECK WITH HIS WIFE! MAYBE SHE'LL KNOW WHEN HE'S PLANNING TO RETURN! I WANT TO BE ON HAND!

IF THAT SUITCASE OF YOURS IS IN THE WAY AMSTER, I CAN PUT IT UP ON THE BACK AT THE END OF THE CAR FOR YOU!

NO THANKS! I PREFER TO KEEP IT HERE WHERE IT'S SAFE!



IT'LL BE PLENTY SAFE UP ON THE BACK, SIR! YOU CAN WATCH IT JUST AS EASY AND THERE'S NO SIGNS BETWEEN HERE AND WHERE YOU GET OFF, SO NO ONE CAN SNIFF WITH IT!

OHAY FORTER! SAN WOULD YOU ASK THOSE TWO GENTLEMEN ACROSS THE WAY IF THEY'D JOIN ME IN A DRINK!

HAVE A DRINK ON ME! THIS IS MY LUCKY DAY! I JUST INHERITED A SMALL FORTUNE! IN MY WAY NOW TO STRAIGHTEN OUT ALL THE LITTLE LEGAL DETAILS!

OKAY, POP! HERE'S TO YOU!







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PEE WEE'S BRAIN STORM

THE Wise Guys were seated on the front lawn, each one busy doing something. Curly was mowing the lawn, Jock was polishing his shoes, Scarecrow was mending his catcher's mitt, and Pee Wee had his nose buried in a newspaper.

"How about going over to the school yard and shooting some baskets?" Jock asked inquiringly.

"Sounds good to me," Scarecrow replied as he finished the last stitch on his mitt.

"Me, too," Curly piped in.

"How about it, Pee Wee? Want to join us?" Scarecrow asked.

Pee Wee's head remained bent as he studied the newspaper.

Scarecrow walked over to Pee Wee curiously and said, "What's so interesting, Pee Wee? You haven't heard a word we've been saying!"

Pee Wee jumped to his feet with a start. "You frightened me," he said belligerently. "I've been reading about something wonderful and I . . ."

"Oh, come on, Pee Wee," Curly interrupted. "we don't want to hear about a newspaper article. We want to play basketball."

Pee Wee turned to Curly glancingly. "This newspaper gave me a terrific idea and you guys don't even want to hear about it," Pee Wee said scornfully.

"Oh, all right," Scarecrow said resignedly. "What did the newspaper say that can't wait?"

Pee Wee turned to the three fellows and enthusiastically told them what he had been reading in the paper.

" . . . and this article says that some kids put on a television show and were very successful. Why can't *we* have a television show," Pee Wee asked hopefully. "We've all been in plays at school, and this wouldn't be so different. Only this would be our *own* show. Isn't that a great idea? Everybody watches television. We would have a swell audience."

The boys looked at each other in amazement, and then looked at Pee Wee, again.

"Say," Jock began slowly, "I think you've got something there."

"Gee, that's a swell idea," Scarecrow said admiringly, as he gazed down at Pee Wee. "But tell us what each of us would do and how we could *get started*."

"Well, I, of course, would be the director of this show," Pee Wee said importantly.

"Wait a minute," Scarecrow interrupted. "There you go, trying to hog the whole works again."

"Well, it was my idea," Pee Wee replied hotly. "And anyway you'll have a part in the show so stop squawking!"

"Okay, okay, don't get excited," Scarecrow said, "and tell us all about it."

Pee Wee unfolded his plans to his three eager listeners. His idea was to interview Jock, Curly and Scarecrow on the television show and ask them all about their hobbies.

"I bet a lot of the kids would like to know about your hobby, Jock," Pee Wee said to his friend. "Not everyone has such a large collection of butterflies. You could explain how you first became interested in butterflies, how you catch them, and gee, there's lots you can tell."

"I never thought of that, Pee Wee," Jock replied. "But I do have a nice collection and maybe other fellows would like to know how they can mount butterflies."

"They sure would," Pee Wee agreed. "And Scarecrow, you can tell everyone about the model railroads you build and what kind of stuff you use to make them. And when I interview Curly he can explain how he got started making flags of all the countries in the world."

"Gee, Pee Wee," Scarecrow grinned at him. "This is a swell idea. I'm going to start jotting down a few notes about my hobby so I won't be stage-struck and forget what I'm going to say!"

Jock laughed at Scarecrow, but then he turned to Pee Wee and said seriously, "How will we be able to get on television? Did you ever think of that, Pee Wee?"

Pee Wee's face fell as Jock reminded him of the difficulties of getting a television show on the air.

"I bet if I speak to Daredevil he would be able to arrange a show for us," Pee Wee said suddenly. "Why look, there he is now!"

As Daredevil walked up the path to the Wise Guys' Manor, the Wise Guys ran up to him excitedly and they all started talking and shouting at once.

"Wait a minute, wait a minute," Daredevil requested laughingly. "One at a time. What is this all about?"

Pee Wee explained how anxious they were to have a television show for kids all over the country.

"There are too many musical programs," Pee Wee said disgustedly. "There aren't enough shows for fellows our age. And I bet adults would like our show, too. But how can we get the television men to let us have some time on television?" he ended glumly.

"Well fellows, you certainly seem keen about this show," Daredevil replied, "so I'll try to help you all I can. There is a man I know who used to produce television shows, and I think he still does. I'll speak to him and see what he has to say."

"Oh, would you?" Pee Wee said excitedly. "I'd work awful hard to get the show in shape, and to ask questions that kids would want to hear."

Daredevil smiled at Pee Wee's serious expression.

"I'll do all I can, Pee Wee," Daredevil answered. "My friend is out of town but he should be back in a week and I'll let you know then."

For the next week Pee Wee busied himself reading all the magazines he could find on television. He watched television shows at a friend's house and carefully studied the styles of the different masters of ceremonies on the air. He was so jittery that he began to get on the Wise Guys' nerves.

"Listen, Pee Wee," Scarecrow advised, "we won't know until the end of the week if we are going to have a television show, so you might as well stay calm."

"That's easy for you to say," Pee Wee quickly replied, "but this was my idea, and I just can't wait to find out whether we will be on television."

By the end of the week Pee Wee was so fidgety that the boys asked him to help them with their butterflies, model railroads, and flags in order to get his mind off the show. And when they were all working quietly outside the Manor, Daredevil approached them unnoticed.

"Hello, boys, glad to see you're keeping busy," Daredevil greeted them.

Pee Wee scrambled to his feet excitedly. "Well, Daredevil, what news have you got for us? Are we going to have a show? Are we? Are we?" Pee Wee asked repeatedly.

Daredevil sat down on the lawn chair before he replied and then he faced the boys and turned from one to the other slowly.

"Well fellows," Daredevil said smilingly, "you're in! I spoke to my friend and he said he has thirty minutes open next Friday night. I told him..."

"Oh boy," Pee Wee shouted. "That's great. We're going to have our own television program. We're going to be seen in millions of homes, and kids in all parts of the country will know about us and we can..." Pee Wee gasped for breath.

Jock, Curly and Scarecrow crowded around Pee Wee with questions about the show.

"Okay, guys," Pee Wee, the director, began, "we've got a lot of work to do. Let's get started now, so we'll have the best television show there ever was!"

The Wise Guys made feverish preparations for the television show. Before they realized it, the important night arrived. Pee Wee washed and scrubbed himself and saw to it that his three friends looked as clean and neat as possible.

When they arrived at the studio they saw a large crowd waiting to get inside.

"Gee!" explained Pee Wee. "Do you see how popular we are? Look at all those people waiting to see us put on a good show! We'd better not disappoint them."

Pee Wee started for the stage, trying to look dignified. But he soon began racing up the aisle, followed by Scarecrow, Jock and Curly.

"Okay, fellows, stay calm, stay calm," Pee Wee said excitedly.

"You'd better stay calm, Pee Wee," Scarecrow answered laughingly. But Scarecrow was as nervous and jittery as Pee Wee.

The engineer in the control room signalled to Pee Wee that there was one minute left before the program began. Pee Wee straightened up and looked at his notes. The Wise Guys cleared their throats and wiped their perspiring foreheads.

"You're on!" the engineer whispered across the controls to Pee Wee.

"Good evening, fellows and girls," Pee Wee began hesitantly, "tonight you're going to hear about the unusual and interesting hobbies of..."

Thirty minutes later the sound of enthusiastic applause echoed in the television studio. Four tired but happy boys trooped off the stage besieged by autograph hunters.

Daredevil approached the Wise Guys and said, "You fellows were certainly great tonight. And I have good news for you. The producer was so impressed with your show, that he wants you to have a regular show every Friday night."

"Honest?" Pee Wee asked incredulously. "That's terrific! We can have a different show every week! We'll be famous! We might even be interviewed by reporters! Oh boy, the luckiest act of my life was reading that newspaper article!"

THE END

C.B. IN "DOWN BUT NOT OUT"

THE BEST TOOL OF ANY OF THE FINEST STEEL, POLISHED LIKE A DIAMOND, IS MORE THAN USELESS WITHOUT THE MAN IT'S MEANT TO FIT! PEOPLE TOO POLISHED OR UNPOLISHED SHOULD FIND THE JOBS BEST SUITED TO THEIR PERSONALITIES AND CAPABILITIES! NOT THAT ONE COULDN'T EARN A LIVING IN WORK THEY DEPLORE! THEY HAVE MADE THE MOST OF SUCH SITUATIONS AND RISEN TO SUCCESS!

THERE ARE THOUSANDS IN THE SKID ROWS OF OUR CITIES WHO HAVE YET TO FIND THEIR NICHE! MANY ARE MEN WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN CAPABLE OF TAKING ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES—HELPLESS TO APPRAISE THEIR OWN ABILITIES, AND OF THAT GREAT INVENTORY OF WASTED HUMANITY, A LARGE PERCENTAGE COULD BE SALVAGED BY HELPING THEM DISCOVER AND APPLY USEFUL ABILITIES WHICH THEY NEVER KNEW THEY HAD!

THAT'S WHAT C.B. BELIEVED AND SET OUT TO PROVE...

Charles Biro



THE MAYOR IS ON THE RAMPAGE, C.B.! HE WANTS A HUNDRED PER CENT CLEAN-UP OF SKID ROW! I'LL CALL THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND GET HIM TO SEND OUT A FLEET OF PATROL WAGONS TO HAUL THE BUMS IN!

NO! WAIT, LOOVER! DON'T HANDLE IT THAT WAY!

story by
CHARLES BIRO



BUT IF THE MAYOR WANTS ACTION, THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO GIVE IT TO HIM!

BUT DON'T YOU SEE, LOOVER, THAT REALLY DOESN'T SOLVE A THING! THE GUYS YOU DRIVE OUT OF TOWN SIMPLY DRIFT TO ANOTHER CITY, THEN THEY HAVE A CLEANUP THERE AND THE SAME SKID ROWERS DRIFT BACK HERE AGAIN!



MEANWHILE, THE VAGRANTS YOU'VE JAILED SERVE OUT THEIR SENTENCES AND WIND UP RIGHT BACK ON SKID ROW, TOO! I THINK WE SHOULD HELP THEM! WE COULD GIVE A LOT OF THEM WHO ARE JUST DOWN ON THEIR LUCK A CHANCE TO BECOME GOOD CITIZENS AGAIN!

YOU'RE TOO IDEALISTIC, C.B.! IT WOULDN'T WORK!



THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE SAID WHEN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS CLUBS FIRST GOT STARTED! NOW THE MOVEMENT IS DOING GOOD ALL OVER THE COUNTRY! WHY WOULDN'T A SKID ROW BRIGADE HAVE THE SAME SUCCESS?

OKAY, C.B., YOU WIN—BUT IT'S GOING TO BE HARD TO SELL THE IDEA TO THE MAYOR!



ASK HIM TO GIVE ME A MONTH TO PROVE MY THEORY! I'LL JUST TAKE ONE MAN FROM SKID ROW TO TRY IT OUT ON! IF HE SUCCEEDS, IT SHOULD WORK WITH OTHERS!

I'LL BACK YOU UP ON IT, C.B.! BUT IF THE SCHEME FAILS, THE MAYOR WILL NEVER LET US FORGET IT! I'LL CALL HIM NOW!





THE RESULTS ARE REMARKABLE! THIS MAN HAS A VERY SUPERIOR RATING IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC RELATIONS! HE SHOWS AN UNUSUAL CONCERN FOR HIS FELLOW MAN! HE'D BE IDEAL IN A JOB WHERE HE COULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP PEOPLE WITH THEIR PERSONAL PROBLEMS!



THERE'S ONE MAJOR DIFFICULTY! PAT LACKS FAITH IN HIMSELF! ALL HIS ABILITIES WOULD BE WASTED IF HE WERE PUT IN A POSITION WHERE IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT HIS FELLOW EMPLOYEES WERE BETTER EDUCATED OR MORE EXPERIENCED! IT MAKES JOB SELECTION QUITE A PROBLEM!



I KNOW JUST THE PLACE! THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT HAS JUST CREATED A NEW DEPARTMENT OF MAINTENANCE! EVERYONE ON THE JOB IS RELATIVELY NEW AS FAR AS THAT WORK IS CONCERNED! THERE ARE NO SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND NO PRIORITY RATINGS!

FINE! FINE! SOUNDS IDEAL!



EVERYTHING IS ALL ARRANGED! REPORT TO THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT MONDAY MORNING!

OKAY, C.B.! GOSH! I HOPE I'M GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE JOB! SO MUCH DEPENDS ON ME THAT IT SCARES ME!



TWO WEEKS LATER...

I JUST DROPPED IN TO SEE HOW PAT DONOVAN IS MAKING OUT. MR. HERRICK!



THERE HE IS OUT THERE! SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW HE OPERATES!



DID EVERYTHING WORK OUT OKAY FOR YOU LAST NIGHT, HARRY!

IT SURE DID, PAT! IT WAS SWELL OF YOU TO HELP ME! NOT MANY GUYS WOULD'VE LENT ME THE MONEY!



GEE WHIZ PAT! THANKS A MILLION FOR SENDING MOM THOSE ROSES! WHEN I WENT TO VISIT HER AT THE HOSPITAL LAST NIGHT, SHE LOOKED SO HAPPY AND PERKED UP! ONLY YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT! I'LL BET THEY SET YOU BACK AT LEAST FIVE BUCKS!

WHAT'S FIVE BUCKS COMPARED TO SOMEONE'S HAPPINESS? IT MADE ME FEEL GOOD TO DO IT!



MY, YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL THIS MORNING, MISS STRAWBECK! YOU SHOULD ALWAYS WEAR THAT SHADE OF BLUE!

THANK YOU, MR. DONOVAN! AND WHY DON'T YOU CALL ME MARIE? THE OTHERS DO!





I DON'T SEE DONOVAN AROUND!

HE ISN'T WITH US ANY MORE! NOW DON'T GET EXCITED! HE WASN'T FIRED! HE WAS JUST SO GOOD THAT WHEN THE COMMISSIONER ASKED IF I KNEW ANYONE TO HANDLE THE JOB OF FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSIONER'S SECRETARY, I RECOMMENDED HIM!



DONOVAN! HE'S TERRIFIC! MY SECRETARY, MR. DAVIS SAYS HE'S RELIEVED HIM OF NEARLY THREE-FOURTHS OF THE CORRESPONDENCE!

THAT'S RIGHT, C.B.J. BUT I DON'T GET IT! DONOVAN CAN'T SPELL A DARN AND HE CAN HARDLY WRITE A PROPER SENTENCE!



THAT'S TRUE, BUT ONE OF THE STENOGRAPHERS FROM HERRICK'S OFFICE, MARIE STRAWBECK WAS TRANSFERRED OVER WITH HIM! SHE'S ABLE TO FIX UP ANY SPELLING OR GRAMMATICAL ERROR! ITS WHAT HE'S GOT TO SAY THAT COUNTS! HE'S A WIZARD AT POURING OIL ON MY TROUBLED WATERS! HE'LL HAVE MY JOB SOME DAY!



RAT DONOVAN'S SUCCESS IS PHENOMENAL! JUST CROSS YOUR FINGERS THAT NOTHING DOES HAYWIRE IN THE NEXT THREE DAYS! THE MAJOR STILL THINKS THE USUAL KICK-OUT METHOD IS LESS TROUBLE!

BUT IT DOESN'T CURE THE PROBLEM AND MY WAY DOES! BESIDES, HE PROMISED TO TRY OUR SYSTEM IF RAT SUCCEEDS AND NOTHING CAN GO WRONG NOW!



THAT COULD HAG YOU IN AN AWFUL SHAPE, MR. DAVIS! WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME AND REST UP FOR A FEW DAYS! I CAN HANDLE EVERYTHING FOR YOU!

NO, RAT, IT'S A LOT OF WORK FOR YOU TO TAKE ON, ESPECIALLY WITH THE COMMISSIONER AWAY THIS WEEK!



GO ON-YOU GO HOME! I'LL MANAGE! THE ONLY EXTRA WORK I'LL HAVE WILL BE A FEW MORE LETTERS AND SIGNING THE CORRESPONDENCE!

IT'S REAL DECENT OF YOU, RAT! YOU'RE ONE IN A MILLION!



HERE'S TODAY'S CORRESPONDENCE TO BE SIGNED! HOW IS MR. DAVIS FEELING? DID HE PHONE TODAY?

HE FEELS BETTER THAN YESTERDAY BUT HE WON'T BE IN TILL FRIDAY! I'D BETTER READ OVER THESE LETTERS BEFORE I SIGN THEM!



THEY'RE ALL OKAY EXCEPT THIS ORDER FOR TWENTY-FOUR SANITATION TRUCKS FROM THE ACME INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY COMPANY! I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT SO YOU'D BETTER HOLD IT FOR MR. DAVIS!

I'M SURE IT'S ALL RIGHT, MR. DONOVAN! MR. DAVIS DICTATED THE ORDER THE DAY HE LEFT BUT I DIDN'T HAVE IT TYPED IN TIME!



EVEN SO, I'D RATHER NOT TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SIGNING IT!

HM, CERTAIN MR. DAVIS WOULD WANT YOU TO SEND IT, BUT IF YOU INSIST, I'LL HOLD IT!



HERE, LET ME HELP YOU! IF YOU SPREAD THEM OUT, LIKE THIS, YOU CAN SIGN YOUR NAME ON A WHOLE BUNCH AT ONCE! BLOT THEM DRY, AND—IT'S ALL DONE!

HEY! THAT'S A REAL TIME SAVER! HOW WOULD I MANAGE WITH-OUT YOU, MARIE?

THE MAYOR WANTS TO SEE US RIGHT AWAY! HE SOUNDS BOILING MAD! WHAT COULD BE WRONG? DO YOU SUPPOSE?

I CAN'T IMAGINE! LET'S GO FIND OUT!



YOU AND YOUR BRIGHT IDEAS! I KNEW THAT SKEW ROW BUM COULDN'T BE TRUSTED! WHILE HE WAS IN CHARGE HE OKAYED AN ORDER FOR TWENTY-FOUR TRUCKS THAT WE DON'T NEED AND CAN'T AFFORD! THE CITY IS OUT \$100,000 AND YOUR BUM HAS DOUBTLESS RAKED A NICE FIELD OF GRAF!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS A CROOKED BONE IN PAT-DONOVAN'S BODY! TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE IT'S ONE DAY SHORT OF A MONTH! UNLESS HE CAN PROVE HIS INNOCENCE IMMEDIATELY THE MAYOR WILL HAVE EVERY PATROL WAGON IN TOWN CLEANING UP SKEW ROW!

LET'S TALK TO PAT!

BUT I DIDN'T SIGN THE ORDER! I TOLD MARIE STRAWBECK TO HOLD IT FOR DAVIS! I'LL CALL HER IN—SHE'LL TELL YOU!



YES I REMEMBER THE LETTER! MR. DONOVAN DICTATED IT TO ME THE DAY MR. DAVIS WAS AWAY! I SAW HIM SIGN IT WITH MY OWN EYES!

MRS STRAWBECK! THAT'S NOT TRUE AND YOU KNOW IT!

HOW DARE YOU CALL ME A LIAR YOU—YOU IGNORANT CROOKED GRAFTER! YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD PUT THE BLAME ON ME AND GET ME FIRED BUT IT WON'T WORK!

WHY DID SHE DO IT? WHY DID SHE LIE LIKE THAT? I NEVER DID ANYTHING TO HURT HER! WHAT HAS SHE GOT AGAINST ME?

SLAM!

MAYBE NOTHING! MAYBE SHE'S COVERING UP FOR SOMEONE ELSE! LET'S FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MISS STRAWBECK! WE'LL SEND FOR HER EMPLOYMENT RECORD!



LOOK AT HER EMPLOYMENT RECORD! I THINK THIS SOLVES THE MYSTERY! FOR ALL HER INJURED INNOCENCE, I'LL BET ANYTHING THAT SHE ENGINEERED THIS DEAL AND COLLECTED THE GRAFT HERSELF!

COULD BE, BUT WE HAVE TO PROVE IT! THAT SIGNATURE STILL HAS TO BE EXPLAINED!

JIMMY, I'M IN A HECK OF A JAW AND I NEED YOUR HELP! WOULD YOU KEEP AN EYE ON MARIE STRAWBECK! FOLLOW HER AND REPORT EVERY MOVE SHE MAKES TO C.B.!

SURE THING—YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, PAT!

HELLO, C.B.—SHE WENT TO THE ACME INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY COMPANY! SHE STAYED ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES AND THEN WENT STRAIGHT TO THE FOURTH NATIONAL BANK!

THAT'S ALL I NEED TO KNOW! GOOD BOY, JIMMY! YOU'VE DONE PAT A BIG FAVOR!

HERE'S A WARRANT FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AUTHORIZING AN EXAMINATION OF MARIE STRAWBECK'S ACCOUNT, AND I'D ESPECIALLY LIKE TO SEE IF SHE MADE A DEPOSIT THIS MORNING!

I'LL CALL THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT AND NOTIFY THE TELLER!

THIS SEEMS TO BE IN ORDER!

OH, MR. BARKLEY, IN CONNECTION WITH MISS STRAWBECK'S ACCOUNT, SHE JUST MADE THIS DEPOSIT THIS MORNING! I HADN'T SENT IT TO ACCOUNTING YET!

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THIS PROVES IT! SHE'S THE ONE WHO PULLED THE DEAL! ALL I NEED NOW IS A WARRANT FOR HER ARREST! WE'LL CLEAR PAT WHEN SHE TELLS THE WHOLE STORY!

I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY FOR MY LACK OF FAITH IN YOU, MR. DONOVAN! PERHAPS A PROMOTION TO THE PERMANENT JOB OF FIRST SECRETARY WILL SHOW THAT I'VE CHANGED MY ATTITUDE! I'VE ALSO ENDORSED C.B.'S SHOT ROW BRIGADE PLAN A HUNDRED PER CENT!

IT'S TIME LAST NIGHT THAT I'M MOST HAPPY TO HEAR ABOUT!

C.B., THIS PLAN OF YOURS IS GOING OVER! I'VE DISCOVERED MORE GOOD MATERIAL THAN I EVER BELIEVED POSSIBLE! IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE THE ABILITIES OF THESE MEN FROM SHOT ROW BEING CHANNELLED INTO GOOD DIRECTIONS INSTEAD OF BEING WASTED!

SQUEEK! SQUEEK! SQUEEK!

WHAT'S ANOTHER ONE? I ANALYZED THAT LAST TEST YOU TURNED IN AND YOU DO HAVE AN ABILITY! SQUEEK! YOU'RE OUT OUT A HUNDRED PER CENT FOR A DEFINITE! CAREER—MONKEY BUSINESS!

HA HA! THAT OUGHT TO HOLD YOU, SQUEEK!

SQUEEK! SQUEEK!

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